

Amendments to the Specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 16, to page 2, line 13, with:

--A variety of devices for ironing articles of clothing by an ironing dummy are known from the prior art. European Patent Application EP 0 193 483 A1 (subsequent application of ~~FR~~ French Patent Document Registration No. 8500673, corresponding to French Patent Publication No. 2,575,773) describes a method and an ironing dummy for ironing an article of clothing. The article of clothing is placed on an inflatable bag of the ironing dummy for ironing. An airflow in the interior of the inflatable bag blows through the bag and the article of clothing, drying and smoothing the article of clothing.

Because the inflatable bag also extends into the sleeves of the clothing, these are also dried. In a development of that invention, the inflatable bag extends beyond the cuffs (potentially beyond the collar as well) of the clothing.

Flexible flaps are attached at these extensions on the exterior. They are, preferably, made of the same material as the inflatable bag. When the article of clothing is positioned on the ironing dummy, and the airflow is activated, then the inflatable bag and the flaps are penetrated by the air jointly and simultaneously. The airflow inflates the inflatable bag and the flaps. The inflatable bag, then, contacts the clothing from inside. The flaps, however, contact the cuffs of the clothing from the outside. Because the flaps are also penetrated by the drying air, the cuffs are

dried from inside by the inflatable bag and from outside by the flaps.--

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 1, with:

--FIG. 4 is a cross-sectional view of the dummy of FIG. 1 through a region of a cuff, the dummy having a tension mechanism for the cuff; and

FIG. 5 is a cross-sectional view of the dummy of FIG. 2 along section line V-V.--

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 12, with:

--FIGS. 2 and 5 represent ~~represents~~ a remedy for the deformation in the region of the overlap 21 and underlap 22. A stiffening in the form of a slotted spoon 11 is utilized in addition to the cuff smoother 1. This slotted spoon 11 is held by a strap 10 at one end (to the right of FIG. FIGS. 2 and 5). This strap 10 is fastened to the inflatable bag 7 with seams 8. In this exemplifying embodiment, the other end of the slotted spoon 11 is fastened to the inflatable bag 7 in the vicinity of the cuff 3.--

Remarks/Arguments:

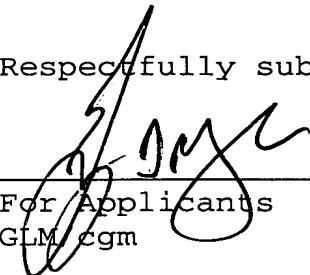
Claims 1 to 22 remain in the application.

The purpose of the preliminary amendment is to correct clerical errors in the specification and to add new FIG. 5 with associated explanation in the specification and amendment to FIG. 2. No new matter has been added. FIG. 5 adds an additional drawing sheet and, therefore, new drawing sheets 1 and 2 replace original sheets 1 and 2 because renumbering is required. New FIG. 5 is added in drawing sheet 3.

An early action on the merits of the application is solicited.

Please charge any fees that might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

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